

CLAIMS

1. (Currently amended) A rail used as an anti-rotation guide for the valve train of an internal combustion engine comprising a rail [[(8)]] having accepting spaces [[(10)]] arranged in a row spaced apart at a distance from one another defined thereon for accepting inserted valve lifters, provided as roller tappets [[(9)]], each with two parallel anti rotator areas [[(15)]] in the form of planar flattened zones provided on an exterior casing of the tappets for preventing rotation of each of the roller tappets [[(9)]] around a central longitudinal axis thereof, the planar zones are supported on guide areas [[(14)]] of the rail [[(8)]] located inside of the corresponding spaces [[(10)]], and with the accepting spaces [[(10)]] of the rail [[(8)]] being associated with an insertion opening comprising a key hole [[(11)]], into which each of the respective roller tappets [[(9)]] are inserted in a longitudinal axis direction thereof, subsequently displaced axially parallel towards the guide rails of the rail [[(8)]] which serve as anti-rotation guides, and are subsequently shifted once more in the longitudinal axis direction, a protruding catch [[(16)]] is arranged in the rail [[(8)]] in an area of the space [[(10)]] and a radial groove [[(17)]] is arranged in the roller tappet [[(9)]] in an area of the anti-rotation guide area [[(15)]], which engages the catch [[(16)]] of the rail [[(8)]] during the axially parallel displacement of the roller tappets [[(9)]].
2. (Currently amended) A rail used as an anti-rotation guide according to claim 1, wherein a flush surface [[(18)]] for contacting the rail is adjacent to the roller tappet [[(9)]] at each of the two anti-rotation guide areas [[(15)]], with the two flush surfaces (18) extending at a common radial plane of the roller tappet [[(9)]].

3 (Currently amended) A rail used as an anti-rotation guide according to claim 1, wherein two positioning flaps [[(13)]] for contacting the anti-rotation guide areas [[(15)]] of the roller tappet [[(9)]] are formed on the rail [[(8)]] in an area of the key hole [[(11)]] associated with the accepting spaces [[(10)]].

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